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SUBJECT: JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN VISIT MOZAMBIQUE

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS A DELEGATION OF 18 JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN RECENTLY CONCLUDED A VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE TO OBSERVE THE HANDLING OF MINERALS IN THE LOURENCO MARQUES PORT.

2. THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION STATED, "WE HAVE COME TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASING THE SHIPMENT OF MINERALS THROUGH YOUR PORT". THE JAPANESE ALSO NOTED THAT IN TERMS OF STATISTICS, THE VOLUME OF MINERALS HANDLED IN LOURENCO MARQUES HAD DROPPED FROM 1973 TO 1974, AND THE SAME THING MAY HAPPEN THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: THE JAPANESE, WHO DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE, MAY BE WORRIED BECAUSE OF THE PRECIPITOUS DROP IN THE AMOUNT OF MINERALS HANDLED HERE, SPECIFICALLY CHROME ORE FROM RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND IRON ORE AND COAL FROM SWAZILAND.
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